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From: Whitley, Christopher
Sent: Thur 10/16/2014 6:41:07 PM
Subject: ACTION REQUIRED: Review Draft Desk Statement on West Lake Landfill
2014-10-16 West Lake DESK DRAFT.docx

Per information and direction passed along by Ben, I have combined his draft desk statement with the approved desk statement of Tuesday, October 14.

Is this proposed language (also attached here as Word document) approved for us to provide to Veronique LaCapra and Jacob Barker?

EPA Region 7 appreciates and supports the work of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the State of Missouri, through its legal orders, in directing Republic Services to monitor and contain the subsurface smoldering event (SSE) in the Bridgeton Landfill portion of the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site. EPA is in regular communication with MDNR and the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) to ensure that the SSE does not make contact with the radiologically impacted material (RIM) at the West Lake site.

EPA recently received the isolation barrier alternatives report from the PRPs, and has begun to review its contents. EPA has provided copies of the report to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the City of St. Louis and the Airport Authority for their review and evaluation. EPA believes the report's concerns about the SSE underscore the need for an isolation barrier to be put in place as soon as possible. EPA, in partnership with the USACE, is working diligently towards installation of the barrier. EPA remains committed to protecting the community from health risks posed by the landfill. It is important to note that currently available scientific data indicates there are no risks of off-site exposure to contaminants from the West Lake Landfill Site.

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From: Washburn, Ben

Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 1:01 PM

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Subject: FW: draft response for post dispatch

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From: Peterson, Mary

Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 12:26 PM

To: Washburn, Ben; Carey, Curtis
Subject: RE: draft response for post dispatch

Ben – please coordinate this with Chris since he is working on a statement for Veronique. Chris is working from a desk statement approved on Tuesday. I think our response to both inquiries should be a combination of the approved desk statement and your proposed response. Basically, we need to marry up the two. Thanks.

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From: Washburn, Ben
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Curtis,

Please take a look at this draft response and provide any comments. Once this has final approval, I will send to the reporter.

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